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Ball Brothers support new projects in Delaware County

Grant launches National Archery in the Schools Programs in Delaware County and supports restoration efforts at Prairie Creek Reservoir

The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation is pleased to accept a \$25,000 grant from the Ball Brothers Foundation to support the National Archery in the Schools Program and further the restoration efforts at Prairie Creek Reservoir.

“The Ball Brothers have been extraordinary partners in our educational efforts and we are honored to further our relationship through our archery program and habitat restoration efforts. Both of these programs will have a significant impact on the quality of life not only for those in Delaware County but across Indiana,” said Bourke E. Patton, executive director of the Indiana Natural Resources Foundation.

The Ball Brothers Foundation’s motto is “Building Community Since 1926. Its grant program focuses on six broad subject areas: education, arts, culture and humanities, human services, public/society benefit, health and environment. The Foundation, established in 1926 as an independent, private, family philanthropic organization, is an outgrowth of business successes of the five Ball brothers and their descendents.

The National Archery in the Schools Program promotes student education, physical education and participation in the life long sport of archery. The program’s focus is to provide International Style Target Archery training in physical education classes grades 4 – 12. The program has a successful track record of reaching the unengaged and inspiring students to greater achievement. This will be the first NASP program in Delaware County.

Prairie Creek Reservoir is approximately 1,275 acres of water and 750 acres of land leased by the City of Muncie. The Ball Brothers Foundation grant will provide the materials for area naturalization and bank stabilization along one area of coastline. This project will filter runoff and sheet flow, reducing sediment and other pollutants from reaching the reservoir and acting as a demonstration for best management practices for our parks and reservoirs.

The Indiana Natural Resources Foundation is a not-for-profit organization which raises funds to support and sustain the educational and scientific programs of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

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